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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 320

April 19, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives Baldwin, R. Young, Notestein, Black, Boyle, Riley and L. Young, cosponsored by Senators Moore and Risser. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

AN ACT to repeal 20.927, 59.07 (136) and 66.04 (1) (m) of the statutes; and to affect laws of 1977, chapter 245, section 1; relating to: eliminating

prohibitions of public funding of certain abortions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no state, county, city, village or town funds and no federal funds passing through the state treasury may be authorized or paid for the performance of an abortion. The following abortions, if certified as such by the performing physician, are excepted from this prohibition:

- 1. An abortion that, in the physician's best clinical judgment, is directly and medically necessary to save the life of the woman.
- 2. An abortion in a case of sexual assault or incest that is reported to law enforcement authorities and believed by the physician to have happened.
- 3. An abortion that is, due to a medical condition existing prior to the abortion, in the physician's best clinical judgment, directly and medically necessary to prevent grave, long-lasting physical health damage to the woman.

The prohibition on provision of public funding for performance of an abortion does not apply to the authorization or payment of public funds for prescription of a drug or insertion of a device to prevent the implantation of a fertilized ovum.

This bill eliminates the prohibition against authorization or payment of public funds for the performance of abortions that are not specifically excepted from the prohibition.

For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1	Section 1. 20.927 of the statutes is repealed.
2	Section 2. 59.07 (136) of the statutes is repealed.
3	Section 3. 66.04 (1) (m) of the statutes is repealed.
4	SECTION 4. Laws of 1977, chapter 245, section 1 is repealed
5	(END)